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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, submitted herewith are copies of two (2) references cited in the enclosed Official Communication issued in a corresponding German Patent Application. For the Examiner's convenience, we have enclosed an English translation of the Official Communication from the corresponding German Patent Application and a completed Form PTO-1449. Applicants have had this translation prepared by a professional translation service and applicants presently have no reason to doubt that the translation is accurate. However, Applicants have not independently verified the accuracy of such translation, and accordingly, submission of the same should not be taken as a binding admission by Applicants that the translation is accurate.

Applicants cite Reference No. 1 because it is the U.S. equivalent of Reference No. 2.

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The relevance of Reference No. 3 can be found in the English translation of the Official Communication.

Applicants do not provide a copy of the U.S. reference, as it is no longer a USPTO requirement.

Although the Official Communication cites a third reference (JP 61-030898 A), Applicants do not include a copy of the third reference herewith as it was cited in an IDS filed previously with the U.S. Patent Office on January 27, 2004.

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I hereby state that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than 3 months prior to the filling of this statement, and that this is the first citation of these prior art references by a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign patent application. Accordingly, no fee is necessary for the filling of this statement. Should the Commissioner determine otherwise, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1353 for any fee shortages, including the petition fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p).

Applicants respectfully request that the cited references be made of record in the subject application.

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